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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

MARCH, 1859.

The Selectmen of the town of Hill, for the year 1858, charge themselves with the following items: viz.,

Cash received of Carr Huse, Treasurer for 1857,	\$26.71
" " " Nason W. Cass, Collector for 1856,	35.00
" hired " Carr Huse,	300.00
" received " Literary Fund,	77.56
" " " Town of Raymond,	68.00
" " " Railroad Tax,	77.40
" hired " Moses Favor,	100.00
" hired " M. Proctor Favor,	35.00
" received " J. P. Colby, Collector for 1854,	6.16
Taxes committed to the Collector,	1952.48
Cash received of O. E. Eastman, Collector for 1857,	253.00
" " " Dr. R. Fellows, Liquor Agent for 1857,	78.70
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	\$3010.00

Which is accounted for as follows:

*Outstanding Claims prior to March, 1858.*

Paid J. W. Trumbull, support of	\$1.25
J. U. Follansby, work on road,	1.68
R. Dearborn, " " " and wood,	3.03
Jeremiah Carleton, support of T. Carleton,	42.00
Samuel Wells, lumber,	10.00
Parker & Little,	.42
R. S. Blaisdell, robe for J. Cram,	1.50
S. W. Carleton, work on road,	5.00
Benaiah Colby, " " "	6.80
McFarland & Jenks, printing reports,	8.12
Mrs. G. Evans, work for J. A. Morrison,	1.08
E. T. Eastman, support of John Favor,	5.95
Town of New-Hampton, support of I. Wells,	13.50
Isaac T. Follansby, " " M. & E. Rano,	49.00
Methodist Society,	3.00
Christian Baptist Society,	28.73
S. C. Dearborn, support of S. Favor,	50.38
D. G. Mowe, " " L. Mowe,	43.00

NEW HAMPSHIRE  
STATE LIBRARY

A. J. Simpson, support of T. Wells,	43.00
Jeremiah Carleton, " " T. Carleton,	22.00
R. Fellows, for books,	1.20
Universalist Society,	13.78
A. K. Davis, support of paupers,	74.04
Carr Huse, services as Treasurer for 1857,	11.42
Congregational Society,	.96
Town of Boscawen, support of S. Noyes,	26.48
Timothy Hilliard, work on road,	.84
Geo. W. Parker, " " "	1.00

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\$469.17

*Town Expenses for 1858.*

Paid County School Commissioner,	\$8.60
S. Bartlett, cleaning Town House,	1.00
J. H. Emons, services as Selectman,	1.50
Rufus Fellows, " " Supt. School Com.,	22.25
J. P. Ladd, " " Town Clerk,	16.90
Carr Huse, " " Selectman,	30.00
" " horse hire and cash paid out,	20.41
" " board of Selectmen,	8.00
Moses Favor, services as Selectman,	18.50
" " horse hire and cash paid out,	3.50
Timothy Stevens, services as Selectman,	14.50
" " horse hire and cash paid out,	8.20
Geo. W. Sumner, services as Sup. School Com.,	21.00
C. N. Blake, for collecting taxes,	30.40
J. P. Colby, " " "	2.72
Samuel Wells, services as Selectman, &c.,	2.75

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\$210.23

*Support of the Poor.*

Paid Thomas D. Morrison, support of J. A. Morrison,	\$50.50
Town of Salisbury, " " J. L. Merrill,	41.27
J. L. Merrill's family,	7.00
N. H. Asylum, support of R. Stevens,	30.50
" " " " S. Rano,	21.37
T. Leighton, " " Travelers,	1.25
E. G. Bartlett, for hay,	2.00
Franklin Ferrin, support of J. Favor,	27.00
David G. Mowe, " " L. Mowe,	40.00
Jonathan Roberts, " " Mary Sawyer, &c.,	63.75
Albert Colby, " " M. Colby,	43.75
Jacob Quimby, " " John Cole,	1.50

A. D. Webster, support of S. Favor,	34.51
J. W. Trumbull " " S. Rano,	.75
Town of New-Hampton, support of I. Wells,	11.00
A. A. Marden, support of R. Stevens,	3.00
H. S. Esterbrooks, " " M. & E. Rano,	42.00
E. E. Favor, for paupers,	3.00
O. B. Stevens, wood for S. Underhill,	1.25
Robert Morrill, " " " "	1.00
O. LeBarron, work, &c., for S. Underhill,	1.17
Mrs. R. S. Hastings, making robe,	.50
A. J. Simpson, support of T. Wells,	37.50
Jeremiah Carleton, " " T. Carleton,	46.00
John P. Colby, " " S. Rano & J. Cole,	37.30
Town of Franklin, " " C. Stevens' family,	51.91
H. S. Esterbrook, wood, &c., for J. Cole,	3.00
J. R. Rowell, rent, " " " "	13.10
John L. Mead, coffin for M. Colby,	4.00
Town of Pembroke, for S. Favor,	2.00
Town of Canterbury, support of B. H. Cass,	50.00
A. & C. N. Blake, goods for robe,	1.24
Dr. R. Fellows, as Physician,	26.11
R. Stevens, for her support,	16.88
Division No. 343, goods for paupers,	67.16
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	\$784.27

*Roads and Bridges.*

Paid Samuel Wells, for lumber,	\$10.98
Rowell Colby, on road,	2.00
Harrison Colby, on road,	2.00
Jeremiah Wood, " "	2.28
M. W. Sargent, " "	3.00
John H. Emons, plank,	.68
Daniel Young, road,	1.00
John Peasley, lumber and building bridge,	22.36
George & Abbott, work on road,	23.25
Greenlief Blake, lumber,	8.53
David Sawyer, work on road,	2.00
Timothy Hilliard, " "	8.50
Samuel Wells, work on road,	5.50
Ira Morgan, " "	1.20
John Murray, " "	3.50
Amos Dickerson, " and lumber,	11.44
Moses Bartlett, " " "	4.16
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	\$112.38

*Paid the several School Districts.*

Paid School District No. 1,	\$132.18
“ “ “ “ 2,	30.12
“ “ “ “ 3,	50.03
“ “ “ “ 4,	58.34
“ “ “ “ 5,	55.70
“ “ “ “ 6,	55.03
“ “ “ “ 7,	31.36
“ “ “ “ 8,	33.71
“ “ “ “ 9,	33.60
“ “ “ “ 10,	41.08
“ “ “ “ 11,	7.65

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 \$528.80

Paid State Tax,	\$150.50
“ County Tax,	259.92
“ Lewis Clark, for liquors bought by Agent,	121.00

Amount of money received by Treasurer, \$3010.01

Which is accounted for as follows :

State Tax,	150.50
County Tax,	259.92
School Districts,	528.80
Outstanding Claims,	469.17
Town Expenses,	210.23
Support of the Poor,	784.27
Repairing Highways and Bridges,	112.38
Due from the Collector,	291.16
For Liquor bought by Agent,	121.00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	82.58

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*Outstanding Claims against the Town.*

Due Dimond Shaw, on note,	\$224.70
Solon W. Dickerson,	88.87
Polly F. Hersey,	86.20
M. J. Morrill,	224.72
S. M. Currier,	284.17
Amelia Emons,	224.01
Carr Huse, on notes,	477.00
Moses Favor,	100.00
M. Proctor Favor,	35.00
Outstanding Bills, estimated at	350.00

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 \$2094.67

*Due the Town.*

Liquors on hand, estimated at	\$50.00
Available means in Real Estate,	50.00
Due from Jeremiah Flanders, Collector,	9.68
“ J. P. Colby, “	33.91
“ David Trumbull, “	46.73
“ Nason W. Cass, “	41.48
“ O. E. Eastman, “	218.14
“ C. N. Blake, “	291.16
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	82.58
One cow,	20.00

Leaving a balance due from the town of \$1250.99

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CARR HUSE, } *Selectmen*  
 MOSES FAVOR, }  
 TIMOTHY STEVENS, } *of Hill.*

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## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO THE SELECTMEN OF HILL.

It is a fact, not doubted by men of thought, that virtue and intelligence not only make the principal difference between a barbarous and a civilized people, but constitute the two great pillars on which rest the lovely arch of Republican Government. Demolish these, and you destroy all that is lovely and of good report in the world. If then civilization and the stability of free government, together with all their attendant blessings, emanate from virtue and intelligence, it would seem to be a dictate of wisdom to lay deep and firmly the foundation on which these ornaments of human nature rest. That our religious and literary institutions underlie the virtue and intelligence of the community, will not be doubted. With what jealous care, then, should we watch over and foster them. Intelligence, emanating mainly from the schools, may be more properly considered here.

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The most efficient and probably the only means by which the masses can be rendered intelligent, is the common school system. If there be, in our government, any one feature more lovely than the rest, it is this. It is this system, guarded and aided by the salutary influences thrown about it from the pulpit, which raises Young America to an eminence to which other nations look with admiration. If, then, our primary schools lie at the foundation of our national greatness, how all-important that they should be sustained, improved and guarded, as the richest of heaven's blessings.

During the past year our schools have, with a few exceptions, been conducted to the satisfaction of the Committee, and to the honor of both teachers and pupils. But notwithstanding the general success which has attended our efforts, much remains to be done. Although some of our school-houses have been improved within a few years, yet not one of them is, in all respects, what it should be. No one is suitably ventilated, and but few are well furnished with black-boards, while many of them have badly constructed seats and desks.

It should always be borne in mind that there is a vast difference in teachers. If we would secure the best, let us select agents who are capable of judging, who will look out in season, and spare no pains in the discharge of their duties.

Experience teaches the fact, that notwithstanding all the vigilance of committees in the selection and examination of teachers, school money is sometimes well nigh thrown away. Book-knowledge, in the absence of other qualifications, must always fail to constitute a successful teacher, and hence the great safety consists in procuring such as have acquired a good reputation, not only as teachers, but as persons of good moral character and sound discretion. Our school laws in pointing out the duties of teachers, read thus: "It shall be the duty of all persons entrusted with or engaged in the instruction of the young, diligently to impress upon their minds the principles of piety and justice, a sacred regard to truth, love of country, humanity and benevolence; sobriety, industry and frugality; chastity, moderation and temperance; and all other virtues which are the ornament and support of human society."

Those who engage teachers should never lose sight of this statute, but recollect that the business of an instructor is not only "to teach the young idea to shoot," but *how* to shoot; that is, in a moral and religious direction.

#### DISTRICT No. 1.

First summer term of ten weeks was taught by Miss M. E. MARSTON, a good teacher, thorough in first principles; progress

as good as could be expected when there are so many scholars for one teacher to attend to.

Second summer term, of seven weeks, taught by Miss SUSAN E. BARTLETT and Miss JUDITH A. BOYCE, both faithful and experienced teachers, who have earned for themselves each a good reputation. The improvement was as good as could be expected when we recollect that the school was short and broken, and like several of its predecessors not characterized by the best of order. When parents in this district will train their children to habits of subordination at home; when they will insist on having them well governed at school, by moral suasion if it may be, but by something not quite so palatable, if it must be; when they will coöperate with, and sustain teachers in bringing about this result, then, and not till then, will good order prevail in their schools.

The winter term of twelve weeks was taught by Mr. SAMUEL H. JACKMAN, who is a thorough scholar, and, so far as the Committee could judge, a good teacher. A more rigid discipline might have been beneficial. The improvement was as good as could be expected under existing circumstances.

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

A winter term, of six weeks, was taught by Miss M. E. MARSTON, who is admirably constituted for a teacher. It is believed that no district in town has derived more benefit from the same amount of money. Every thing went like clock work. The progress was generally good, and in some instances quite remarkable.

#### DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer term, of five weeks, taught by Miss SUSAN E. BARTLETT. This school, although short, gave good evidence of improvement. Winter term of seven weeks taught by Mr. HENRY B. GOULD, a good and faithful teacher—nothing to condemn—much to commend.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer term, of six weeks, taught by Miss NANCY A. MORRILL, who is a number one teacher. All the classes appeared well at the examination. A very successful school. Winter term of seven weeks taught by Mr. M. PROCTOR FAVOR, a good scholar and a successful teacher. It was decidedly a good school.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer term, of ten weeks, taught by Miss MARY A. SWELL, a calm and efficient teacher; progress, commendable—order, average. Winter term, of twelve weeks, taught by Miss MARY B. OSGOOD, who possesses a good share of that energy in the absence of which too many schools suffer. Order, good. A

large number of the scholars left the school before its close. The remainder made good progress.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer term, taught by Miss ELLEN F. DICKERSON, who is a good and kind teacher; one who gains the affections of her scholars. The school made good progress. Winter term, of seven weeks, taught by Mr. PETER R. SHEPARD. This school, in some of its departments made good improvement, but in others the progress was not so visible.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

Two summer terms, of twelve weeks. First term taught by Miss FANNIE L. MORRILL. The teacher was young but industrious; thereby the school was improved. Second term, taught by Miss NANCY A. MORRILL, with her usual success. The scholars made fine progress—order good.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer term, of seven weeks, taught by Miss JUDITH A. BOYCE. This school made fair advancement, although the scholars were not sufficiently interested in their studies. Winter term, of ten weeks, taught by Miss NANCY A. MORRILL. This school is entitled to a first rate report—no better in town.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer term, of four weeks, taught by Miss JUDITH A. BOYCE. This school was very short, but for the time it will rank as one of the best. Progress and order good. Winter term, of five and a half weeks, taught by Miss LYDIA D. EMMONS, who is an experienced and faithful teacher. This was a school of good order and profitable for one of its length.

#### DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer term, of six and a half weeks, taught by Miss HANNAH C. HERSEY. The teacher was inexperienced in the work, but labored hard, and manifested a great desire that the scholars should learn—order average—improvement commendable. A Fall term of six weeks was taught by Miss MARY H. EASTMAN, a faithful teacher, who needs farther advantages and more experience. The school was as good as could be expected under the circumstances.

In order to profit by their schools, parents should furnish text books, see to it that teachers have their certificates before commencing their schools, and be *particularly careful* that children do not stay out of school in school hours.

GEO. W. SUMNER, } *Superintending School*  
RUFUS FELLOWS, } *Committee of Hill.*

HILL, March 1st, 1859.